



# YEAR BOOK 2018

6-7 APRIL 2018 - TRANSENGLAND - #TRANSENGLAND18 [ROAD, -270KM, -4,550M OF ASCENT]

4-6 MAY 2018 - TRANSWALES - #TRANSWALES18 [ROAD, -350KM, -6,200M OF ASCENT]

2-3 JUNE 2018 - TRANSSCOTLAND - #TRANSSCOTLAND18 [ROAD, -540KM, -5,800M OF ASCENT]

16 JUNE 2018 - ONE-DAY RIDE - OXDURO - #OXDURO18 [1 DAY GRAVEL, 130KM, 1,500M OF ASCENT]

30 JUNE 2018 - ONE-DAY RIDE - COTSDURO - #COTSDURO18 [1 DAY GRAVEL, 100KM, 2,000M OF ASCENT ]

7-8 JULY 2018 - XDUROWALES - #XDUROWALES18 [2 DAY GRAVEL, 350KM, 6,200M OF ASCENT]

4-5 AUGUST 2018 - XDUROENGLAND - #XDUROENGLAND18 [2 DAY GRAVEL, 300KM, 2,000M OF ASCENT]

25-26 AUGUST 2018 - SOCIAL RIDE - PUBDURO NORTH YORK MOORS - #PUBDURONYM [2 DAY GRAVEL, 140KM, 2,750M OF ASCENT]

1-2 SEPTEMBER 2018 - XDUROSCOTLAND - #XDUROSCOTLAND18 [2 DAY GRAVEL, 330KM, >5,500M OF ASCENT]

6 OCTOBER 2018 - ONE-DAY RIDE - PENNDURO - #PENNDURO18 [1 DAY GRAVEL, 170KM, >3,000M OF ASCENT]

29 SEPTEMBER TO 6 OCTOBER 2018 - ANNUAL CONSERVATION & CLUB PLANNING WEEK AT ATHNAMULLOCH BOTHY IN GLEN AFFRIC, SCOTLAND (OPEN INVITE TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE RACING COLLECTIVE )



The Racing Collective is a not-for-profit road and gravel bikepacking club for self-supported racers. Inspired by races like the Transcontinental and The Tour Divide, we set out to construct a series of trials that carried the same spirit of self-sufficiency, but which could be completed closer to home.

We seek the freedom and feral mindset that comes from riding fast and far. Meanwhile we are all too aware that the environment we ride in needs protecting. With that in mind, our long-term aim as a club is to buy a shooting estate in the UK and rewild it through the restoration of natural forests for wildlife and our adventurous ancestors to enjoy.

2018 saw a season packed with events across the UK with ever growing numbers of riders meeting to take on challenges and write their own adventures. Thank you to everyone who has supported the 'Collective this year, and we look forward to another exciting season next year.

Thank you and good luck!

*Phillippa and Miles*



"WE GOT SOME STRANGE LOOKS  
FROM THE FEW EVENING  
PASSERS-BY WHO WERE UNSURE  
WHAT WE WERE ALL DOING  
STARTING A RIDE AT NIGHT"

NIGEL SMITH

# TRANSENGLAND18

6-7 APRIL 2018 | 270KM | 4,550M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M:S)
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LUKE A	11:49:38
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CHRIS P	12:04:26
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JOOST DE M	12:06:00
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*Read Nigel Smith's write up [here](#)*





# TRANSWALES18

4-6 MAY 2018 | 350KM | 6,200M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M:S)
IAN W	16.15
LUKE A	17.42
GEORGE	18.48

*Read Jonathan Sims' write up [here](#)  
Watch [video](#) and [routes video](#)*





"THE AMOUNT OF  
CYCLE LIGHTS  
HEADING IN THE  
OPPOSITE DIRECTION  
TO ME FURTHER  
CONFIRMS THE  
INEFFICIENCY OF MY  
ROUTE CHOICE"

JONATHAN SIMS







# TRANSSCOTLAND18

2-3 JUNE 2018 | 540KM | 5,800M ASCENT



NAME	TIME (H:M)
NIALL C	22:53
CHRIS P	23:01
ED W	23:12





# TRANSCONTINENTAL NO6



Racing Collective member and bike messenger Ede Harrison was the fastest woman in the 2018 edition of the Transcontinental race, beating her closest rival by more than 15 hours.

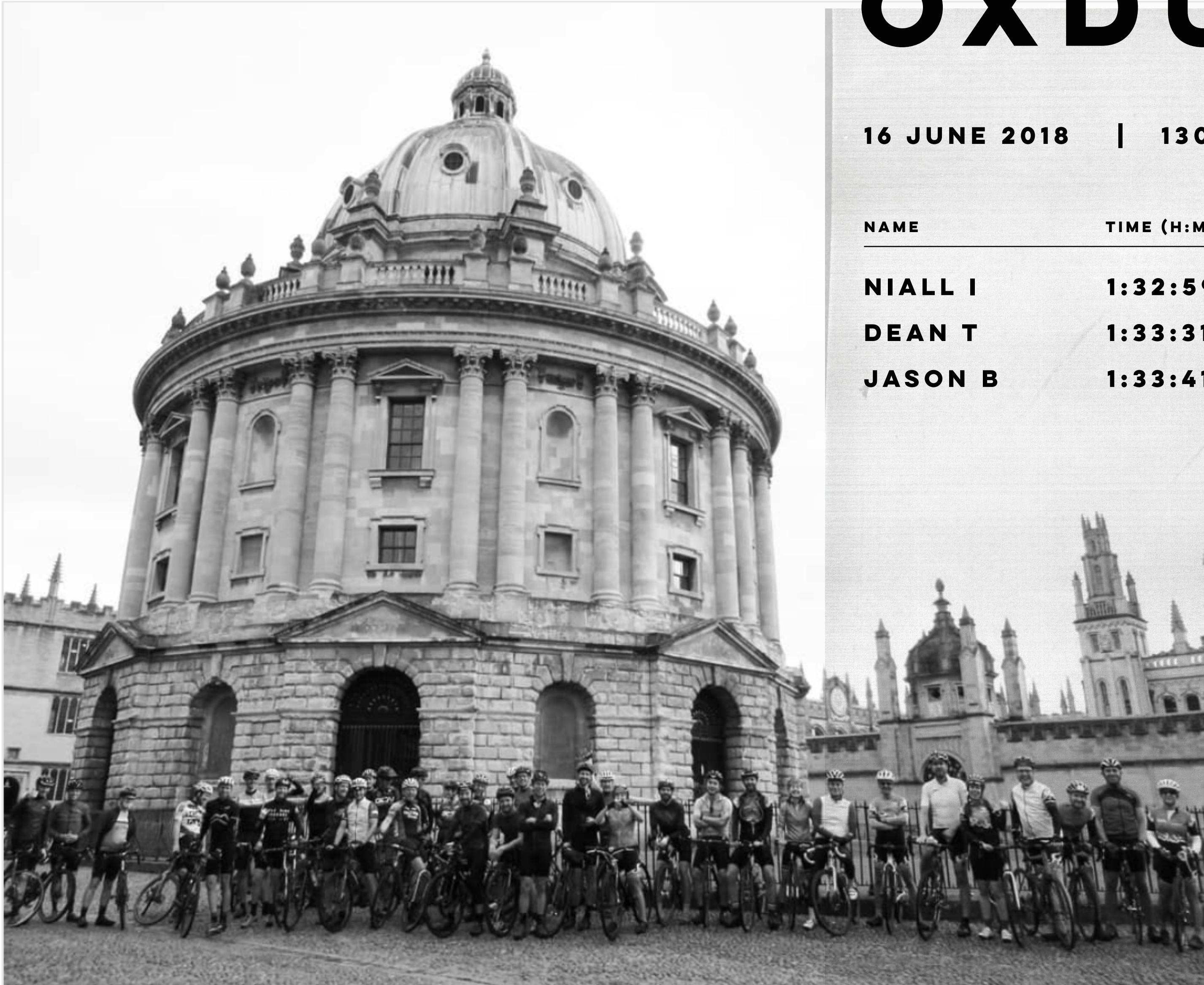
The race saw Ede cover 3533km, travelling from the Muur van Geraadsbergen, Belgium, into Luxembourg, France, Germany, then Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, Albania, and finally, Greece. Her time of 13 days 16 hours and 30 minutes also saw her finish 46th overall.

Ede used May's TransWales Racing Collective trial as part of her TCR training regime, showing how the format and intensity of our 'Trans' series is ideal physical and mental preparation for some of the biggest ultra endurance races on the planet.

After this year's mammoth accomplishment, Ede is weighing up her options for 2019 with Paris-Brest-Paris, Transatlantic Way, Trans Am Bike Race, Race Across France, Normandicat and possibly a return to the TCR all possibilities. Let's hope we'll see her at at least one Racing Collective event too.

*(Photography and words taken from [advntr.cc](https://advntr.cc) and adapted)*

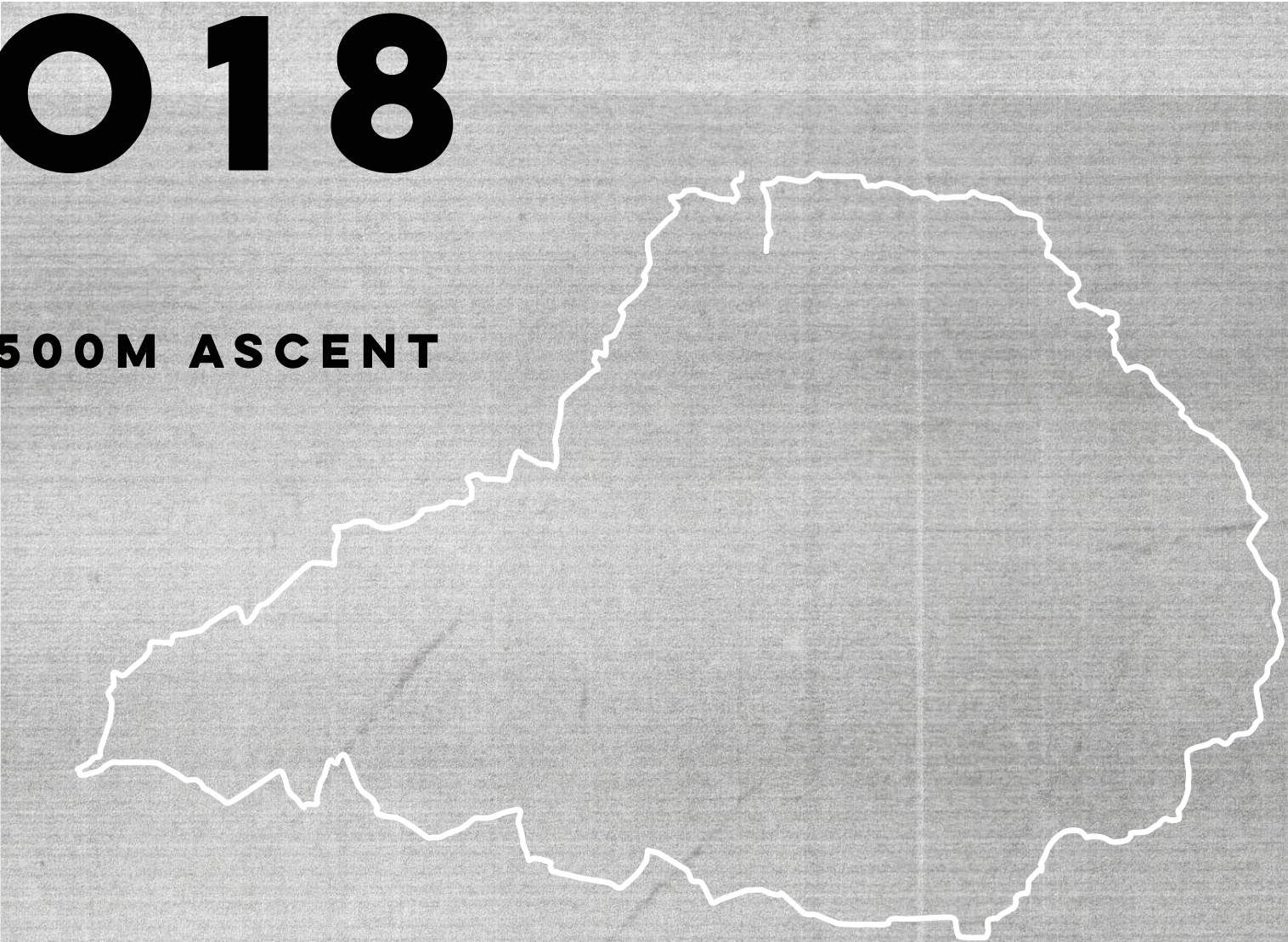




# OXDURO18

16 JUNE 2018 | 130KM | 1,500M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (H:M:S)
NIALI I	1:32:59
DEAN T	1:33:31
JASON B	1:33:41







# COTSDURO18

30 JUNE 2018 | 100KM | 2,000M ASCENT

NAME

TIME (H:M:S)

LAURENCE M

0:55:36

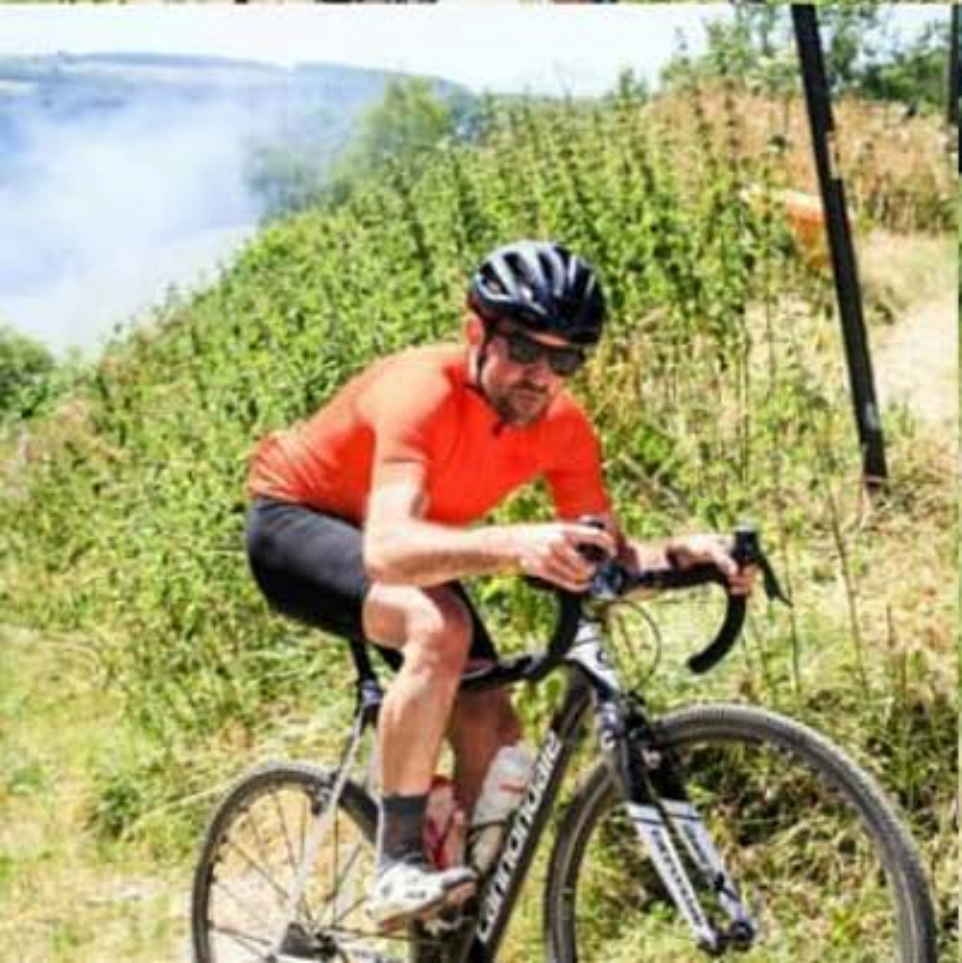
MOSTYN B

0:56:02

MATT W

0:58:28







# XDUROWALES18

7-8 JULY 2018 | 350KM | 6,200M ASCENT

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TIME (H:M:S)

*Read write ups by:*

**NIGEL S**

**5:11:20**

Derek Queenan

**ED VW**

**5:11:44**

Greg Hilson

**MOSTYN B**

**5:20:32**

Ed Wolstenholme

"THE ROUTE WAS DEVISED SPECIFICALLY  
TO PROVE THAT THERE WAS NO SUCH  
THING AS THE 'IDEAL' BIKE FOR THIS"

GREG HILSON





"THE THING THAT  
MADE IT FOR ME WAS  
THE VIBE, THE ETHOS"

DEREK QUEENAN







"AS EXPECTED GRADIENTS RAMPED UP  
RAPIDLY AND THE ANTICIPATION OF THE  
FIRST TIMED SECTION BEGAN TO SPREAD"

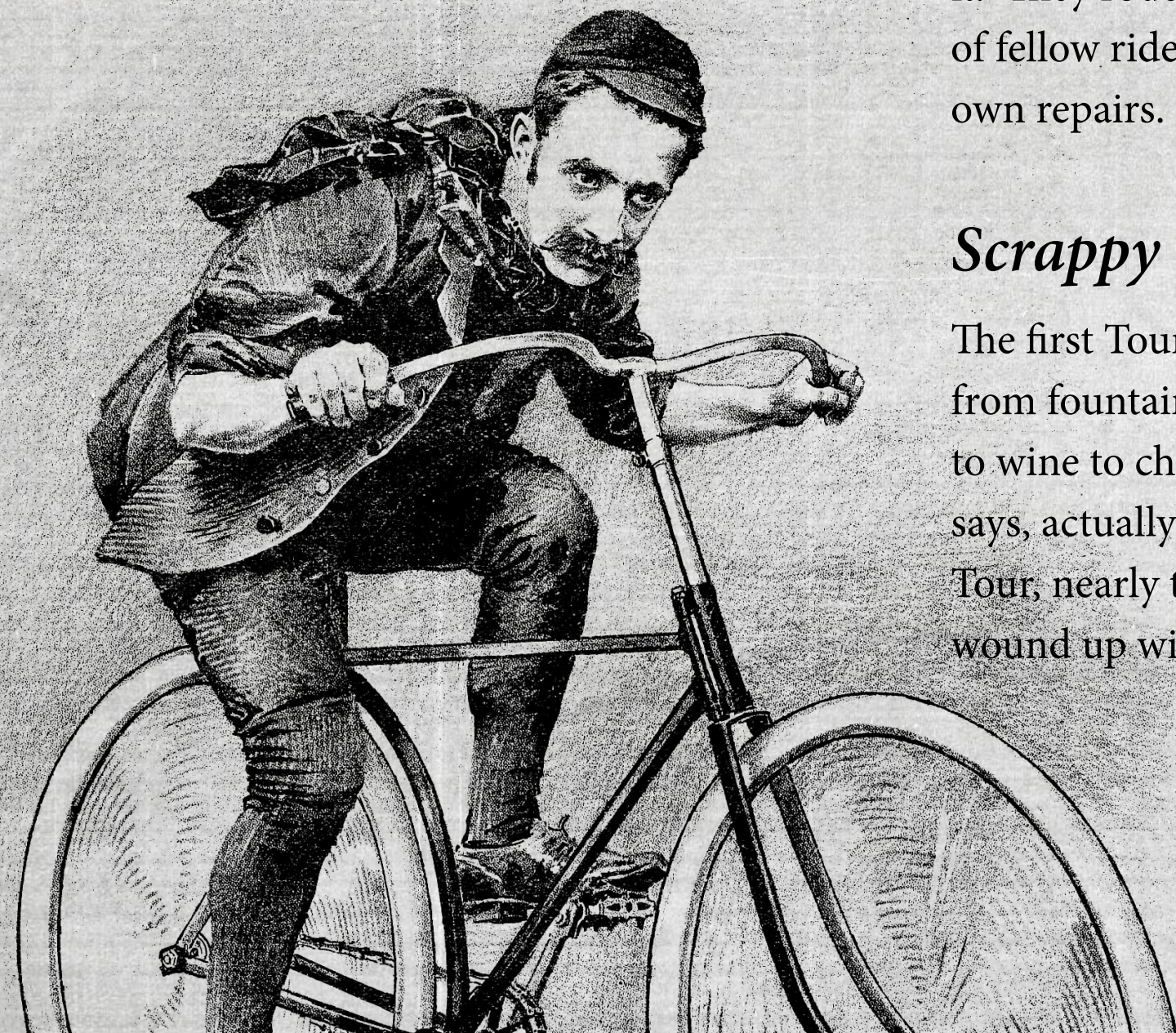
GREG HILSON





# RIDING ON THE SHOULDER OF GIANTS

On 1 July, 1903, 60 men mounted their bicycles outside the Café au Reveil Matin in a Parisian suburb to embark on a 2,400km tour of France. A third were professionals sponsored by bicycle manufacturers, the others simply devotees of the sport.



## *Gravel stages*

There were only six stages—as opposed to the 21 stages in modern tours — but the distances covered in each of them were monstrous, an average of 400km. Between one and three rest days were scheduled between stages for recovery. The race leader wore a green armband to signify his position (the famed yellow jersey was not introduced until 1919). The cyclists in 1903 rode over unpaved roads, riding through the day and night to complete the required distances.

## *Self-supported*

The first stage of the 1903 race was particularly dastardly. The route from Paris to Lyon stretched nearly 500km. No doubt several of the riders who wheeled away from Paris worried not about winning the race—but surviving it. They rode as individuals, not team members. Riders could receive no help. They could not gin the slipstream of fellow riders or vehicles of any kind. They rode without support cars. Cyclists were responsible for making their own repairs.

## *Scrappy rolling picnic*

The first Tour de France was won in 1903 by chimney sweep Maurice Garin, who reportedly ate at bars and drank from fountains to sustain himself during the race. Prior to ~1960, riders drank alcohol during the race, from beer to wine to champagne, for both hydration and (let's be honest) a more fun ride. One well-to-do cyclist, Thompson says, actually had his butler set up a full picnic on the roadside mid-stage. And during the 17th stage of the 1935 Tour, nearly the entire peloton took a break to booze with locals—Julien Moineau the rider who passed on beer wound up winning the stage.

This write-up is made up of extracts from two sources:  
<https://www.history.com/news/the-birth-of-the-tour-de-france-110-years-ago>  
<https://www.bicycling.com/health-nutrition/a20040926/timeline-a-history-of-tour-de-france-nutrition/>

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# XDURO ENGLAND 18

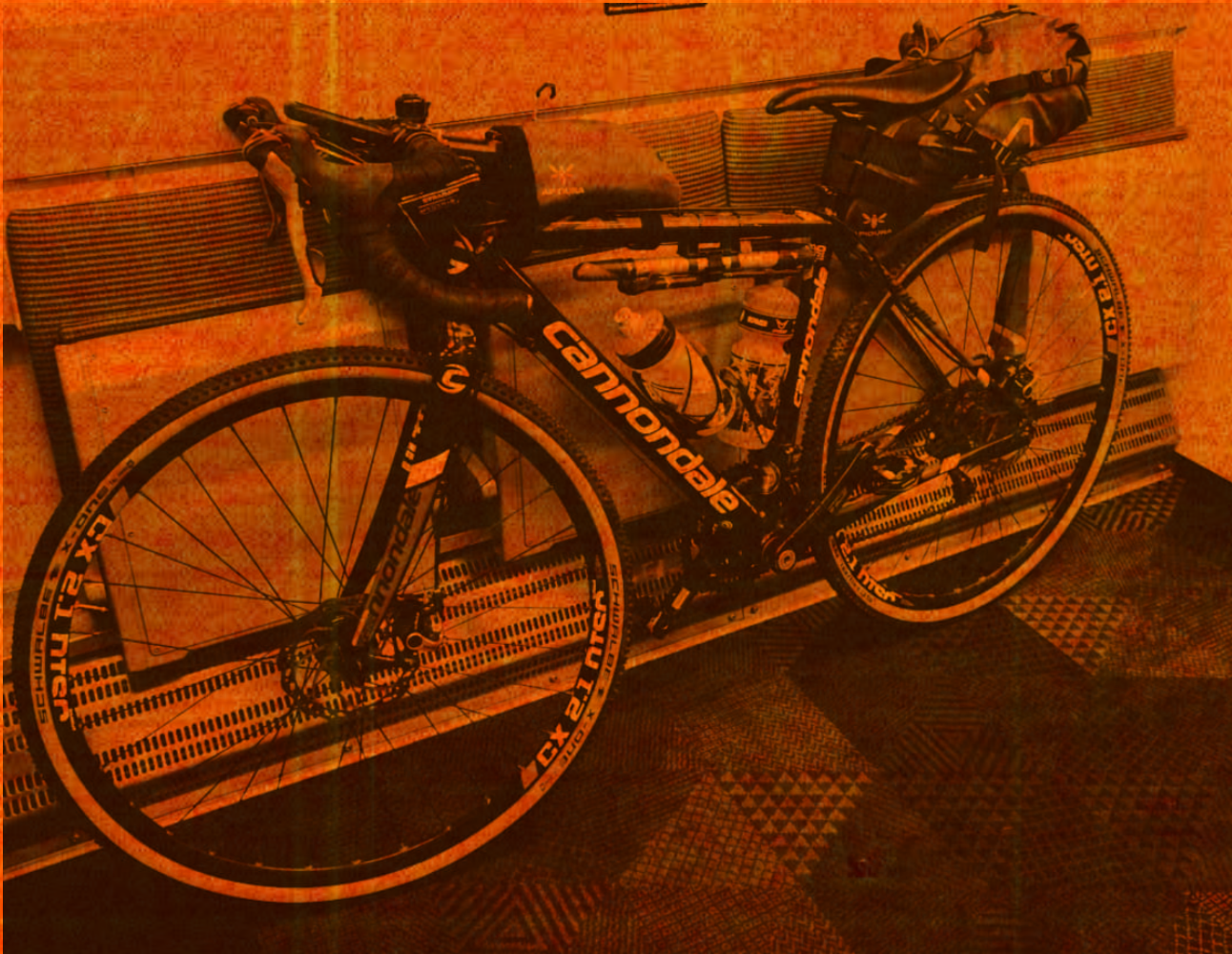
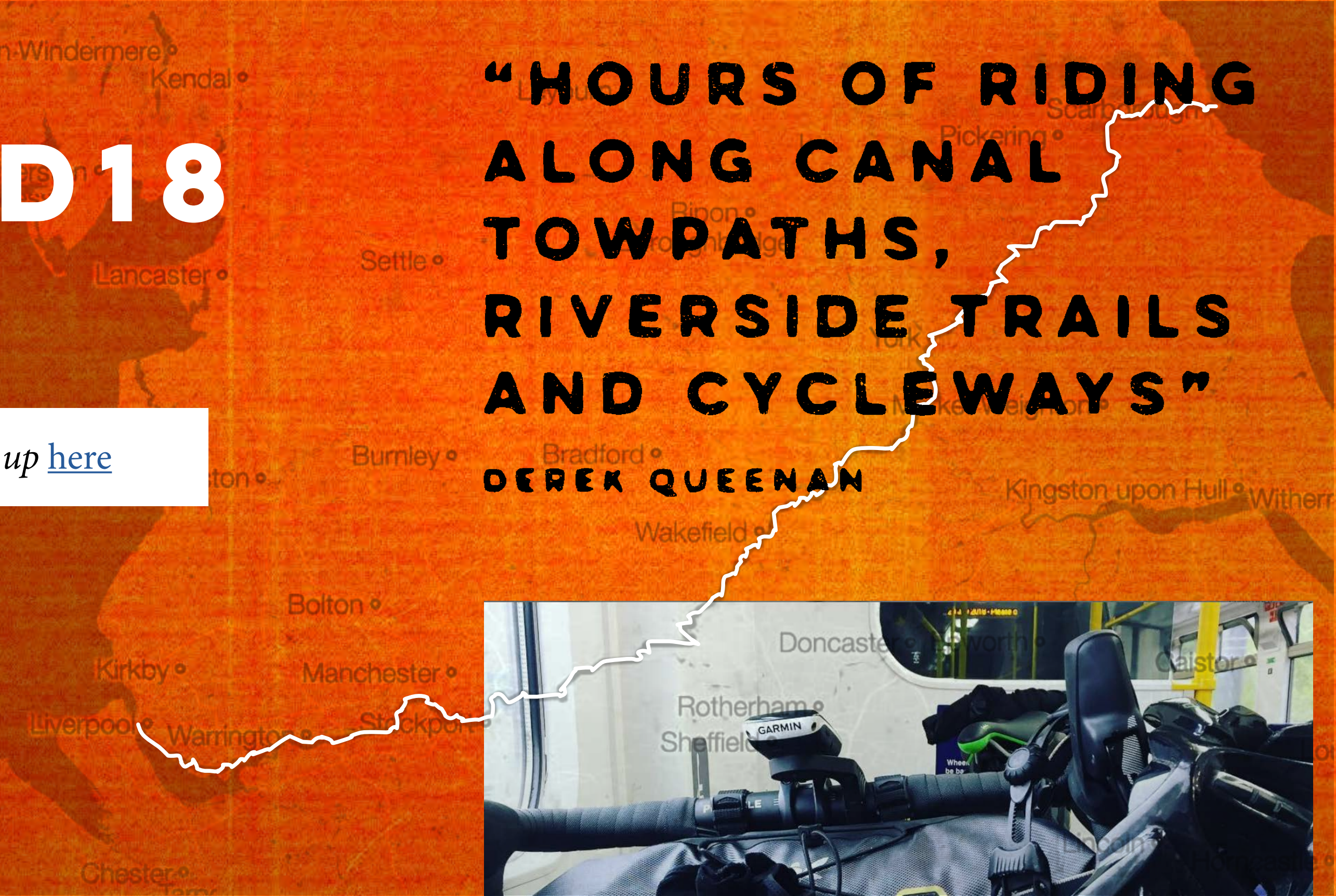
4-5 AUGUST 2018 | 300KM | 2,700M ASCENT

NAME	TIME (MIN)
LIAM C	140
MARK S	135
SAMUEL T	131

Read Derek Queenan's write up [here](#)

“HOURS OF RIDING  
ALONG CANAL  
TOWPATHS,  
RIVERSIDE TRAILS  
AND CYCLEWAYS”

DEREK QUEENAN







# PENNDURO18

SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER 2018 | 170KM | 3,000M ASCENT

<b>RUAIRI R</b>	<b>1.30.06</b>
<b>ANTHONY S</b>	<b>1.44.50</b>
<b>GARY S</b>	<b>1.46.19</b>

*Read Toby Chillis' write up [here](#)*







“WHY AM I DOING THIS AGAIN?”

TOBY CHILLIS







NAME	TIME (H:M:S)
CHRIS P	4:54:20
DAVID H	5:49:08
SEONAIDH C	5:50:21

# XDUROSCOTLAND18

1-2 SEPTEMBER 2018 | 330KM | 5,500M ASCENT



# PUBDURO NORTH YORK MOORS 18

25-26 AUGUST 2018 | 140KM | 2,750M ASCENT











# THANK YOU!

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON A RIDE IN 2019

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